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SC/ST and OBCs appointed as Notary Public

2582. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many advocates have been appointed Notary Public by the Central Government during the last three years; and

(b) the number out of the above who belong to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and O.B.Cs?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) and (b) 702 Advocates have been appointed by the Central Government as Notary Public during the last three years. No separate quota is prescribed for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes. The application/memorial form prescribed under the Notaries Rules, 1956 does not contain any column for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes for the purpose of maintaining separate account of such categories.

Speedy disposal of road accident cases

2583. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of cases are lying pending in the different State High Courts";

(b) whether Government propose to issue necessary directions to the Chief Justice of the High Courts to take adequate measures to dispose the pending cases, particularly the cases of road accidents victims expeditiously in accordance with the objective/spirits of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A request has already been made to the Chief Justices of the High Courts to take measures like grouping and classification of cases involving similar question of law, computerization of records etc. for expeditious disposal of all pending cases. In addition, the Government have taken a series of steps in this regards. This includes steps for amendment of procedural laws, increase in the number of posts of Judges in the High Courts, provision of a statutory base to Lok Adalats and adoption of other alternative methods of disputes resolution.

Repealing of out-dated laws

2584. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Govern ment-appointed Commission has. recom mended repealing of out-dated 1300 laws out of 2500 existing laws; and

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted these recommendations and whether it would also be ensured that cumbersome and time consuming pro cedures are streamlined with a view to ensuring speedy justice to the litigant public?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have constituted a Standing Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Personnel) for monitoring the follow-up action on the recommendations contained in the Report. Since the recommendations of the Commission concern all Ministries/Departments of the Government of India as well as State Governments/Union territories,